

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-7 (i.e., the claims as originally filed in the immediately preceding application), and offer new claims 8-24 in their place. Of the new claims, claims 8-16 correspond to claims 1-3, and 8-13 of the immediately preceding application which were canceled without prejudice in an AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL dated May 27, 2003. All new claims are supported throughout and by the specification, claims and figures as filed.

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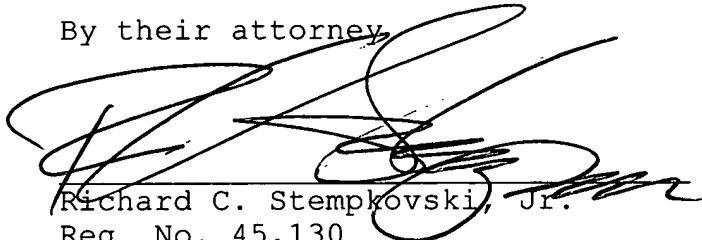
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